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1. Along the four principal routes and their approaches leading to Miskolc from the north, south, east, and west, large two- or three-story buildings are being constructed. These buildings are concentrated in Diosgyőr and its surroundings, near Szirmabesenyő, near Tajókeresztúr and near Felsőszolca. The buildings at Szirmabesenyő are barracks for the personnel and troops of the Miskolc airfield. The buildings in the other sections are large blocks with wide spaces around each one. The first floors of almost all these blocks are already occupied by elements of the Hungarian political police, and by Russians in civilian clothes. The exact plans of the interiors of these buildings cannot be determined as they are being built by Bulgarian and Rumanian prisoners, who are guarded by the political police, and are under the command of Russian officials.
2. The buildings in Diosgyőr were built by Hungarian workers who were told that workers were to be quartered in them. However, the construction workers realized from the size of the rooms and the importance of the telephone installations that these buildings were for the army or the Communist Party, and they organized sabotage activities. For example, in October 1949, one of these buildings collapsed. After an investigation, two engineers and seventy workers were arrested and imprisoned. Following this, the foundry workers at Diosgyőr went on strike and obtained the freedom of their colleagues. Sabotage continued, but to a lesser extent, and foreign work brigades, who were carefully supervised, were placed on the project. The houses were almost finished by 21 December 1949, Stalin's birthday, but because of further sabotage, they were not completed till March 1950. The buildings at Diosgyőr are partly occupied by political police, Communist Party officials, partisans, etc. Two large buildings were not occupied as of July 1950.
3. The three barracks at Miskolc were enlarged and modernized. Foreign workers under Russian supervision installed telephone and telegraph systems.

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4. At Lillafüred, the "Palota Szallo", formerly a first-class hotel, was requisitioned and occupied by the Russians. Important changes were made, but it is impossible to determine the details as only Russian workers were employed. A special cable connects the "Palota Szallo" with Szirabecenyő.

Presence of partisans

5. There are allegedly about ten small encampments of partisans between Lillafüred and Lijmassa. Each camp quarters from 30 to 50 partisans. The partisans have installed a transmitting and reception radio station at Lijmassa (sic). There are other camps near Bükkszentkereszt and Bükkszentlászlo. The partisans have built large supply depots in the woods between Ujmassa (sic) and Orassa (sic).

Medical services

6. The doctors in Miskolc have received orders not to leave the city for more than 36 hours without receiving permission from the local police.
7. The Miskolc hospital has been enlarged and now has 950 beds. The new section is directed by Russian doctors who are assisted by about a hundred Russian nurses.
8. A new hospital has been constructed at Görömbölytapolca. It is entirely for Russian use. There are 480 beds and six operating rooms.

* Comment: The identity of these "partisans" is unknown.

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